



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 1913  
Yoshitsugu HAMA et al. : Docket No. 2001-1299A  
Serial No. 09/955,969 : Group Art Unit 1723  
Filed September 20, 2001 : Examiner K. Menon

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SUPPORT AND PROCESS  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of May 16, 2003, the time for responding thereto being extended for one month in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: